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## Rockville Expands Homeowner Tax Credit Program

# Families with \$70,000 Gross Income Now May Qualify

Rockville citizens in households with gross incomes up to \$70,000 may qualify for tax relief on the first \$300,000 of the home's assessed value through an enhanced City Homeowners' Tax Credit Program approved by the Rockville Mayor and Council in June.

"Last year's program was limited to households earning less than \$35,000 and applied only to tax on the first \$150,000 of assessed value," said Dominic Del Pozzo, City of Rockville Budget Officer. "Through this significant expansion, we are hoping to serve a greater number of people."

The Rockville Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program, first approved in the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, supplements the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program that caps property tax liability depending on the household's ability to pay.

Last year, 366 households received an average credit of \$200 to their City property taxes, which supplemented the state's program in the amount of 35 percent of the state credit, not to exceed City tax liability.

To be eligible for the tax credit, a detailed application must be submitted to the State of Maryland prior to Oct. 31. An application is routinely sent to homeowners who were recipients of a state tax credit the previous year, but applicants must reapply for the program each year.

For more information call the City at 240-314-8400 or the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation at (toll free) 1-800-944-7403 or visit www.dat.state.md.us. RR



ROCKVILLE NEIGHBORHOODS SERVE UP FOOD AND FUN AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT... Each year, residents throughout the United States get together for "National Night Out," which was started as an event to combat crime and drug prevention. It has evolved into an evening that helps unite neighborhoods. Rockville will be one of the most active Washington area participants as the program celebrates its 23rd anniversary on Tuesday night, Aug. 1. Call 240-314-8922 for more information.



A Rockville City Police Officer assists a driver with directions from a new City Segway Human Transporter.

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## Rockville City Police Roll Out Segways for Police Work

Citizens often see the Rockville City Police performing their duties using cars, motorcycles and bicycles and do not give them a second glance. But starting this summer, Rockville Police will be turning heads—not for their awardwinning uniforms, but for their use of a whole new mode of transportation not commonly found in the City—the Segway Human Transporter.

Introduced to the public in December 2001 by inventor Dean Kamen, Segway is the first two-wheeled, self-balancing, electric transportation device with stabilization technology for humans.

Rockville Police purchased two specialized Segways for community policing because of the machine's many potential benefits.

Using a Segway, an officer can travel up to 12 miles per hour. The machine is quiet, environmentally friendly and relatively inexpensive to maintain as it runs on a rechargeable battery.

Segways raise officers eight inches off the ground, making it easy for patrols to see over large crowds. Officers on Segways also are more visible to the community, and because they are standing tall, they become more approachable and better able to respond quickly to emergency situations.

With the purchase of the Segways, Rockville joins several other area jurisdictions using the new technol-

The Segway is another tool for us to maintain our high-quality community policing. Terry Treschuk, Rockville City Police Chief

ogy—including Washington, D.C., the City of Alexandria, the Arlington County Sheriff's Department and Thurgood Marshall BWI Airport security. The City of Chicago has successfully used Segways for two-and-a-half years. According to Segway, Inc., Chicago deploys about 150 officers on the machines.

Rockville Police plan to use the Segways primarily in the new Town Center area, where busy sidewalks and streets may make it difficult for police to maneuver on bicycles and in cars. Primary users will be parking enforcement patrols, who currently use police cars to perform their duties.

With the high cost of gasoline, the department expects to recover some or all of the cost of the new technology by having the parking enforcement patrols use the battery-powered Segways rather than gasoline-fueled cars.

In his 33 years of police work, Police Chief Terry Treschuk never thought he would be using a machine like a Segway. But in just a few short minutes of learning how to roll forward, backward, turn around and drive up and down hills, he quickly saw the value of the machine. Each cost the department \$5,000.

"Technology has greatly enhanced the way we perform our police work," said Treschuk. "Through improvements we have made in the last few years, we are now able to quickly communicate with our citizens and with other jurisdictions in an emergency. The Segway is another tool for us to maintain our high-quality community policing." RR

## August's Best of Rockville

5 & Rockville Civic Ballet: "Swan Lake" 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5; 2 p.m. Aug. 6. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$12 adults/\$8 children (12 & under) and seniors (60 & older). For tickets and information, call 240-314-8690.

Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Renaissance Man—History via Comedy (right) 7:30 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 240-314-8682.



11,12,13 Rockville Musical Theatre's "Meet Me in St. Louis" Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$16.50 adults, \$14.50 students and seniors, \$7.50 senior matinee on Aug. 12 only. 240-314-8690

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#### A Closer Look at Issues That Affect Rockville

# CITY SSUES



Rockville Councilmembers Susan Hoffmann, Phyllis Marcuccio and Anne Robbins and Mayor Larry Giammo presented the first annual Human Rights Commission Essay Contest Awards to first place winner Shanna Sorrells (pink dress), second place winner Amber Maynard (far right) and third place winner Deanna Easley's grandfather (far left) on her behalf.

#### City High School Student Essays Call Attention to Human Rights Issues

Shanna Sorrells was an eighth grader when she was ridiculed for being deaf while standing quietly in the cafeteria line. She recalls feeling angry, humiliated and disappointed.

Three years later, Sorrells, now a rising senior at Rockville High School, chronicled her thoughts and experiences. Her composition was the winning entry in the first annual Rockville Human Rights Commission student essay contest.

Sorrells and other contest participants were recognized by Rockville's Mayor and Council during a live televised broadcast of the June 19 general session at City Hall.

The Rockville Human Rights Commission developed the essay contest to encourage Rockville students to think and express themselves creatively on human rights topics. Participants were asked to write about one of the following:

 Human rights issues that need attention in the City and how to address them

- Comparison of Martin Luther King, Jr. with another human rights leader from a different place or time
- Discussion of the evolution of misconceptions and bias
- Examples of human rights violations and how to combat them

Students from Rockville
High School, Richard
Montgomery High School,
Thomas S. Wootton High
School and the Mark Twain
School participated in the competition. Second place winner
Amber Maynard of Rockville
High School and third place
winner Deanna Easley of
Richard Montgomery High
School also were honored at
City Hall.

The essays were graded in three main categories: creativity, expression of ideas and originality. The first, second and third place winners received prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$150, respectively. RR

– by Kin Lai

### Youth 'Chill' at Twinbrook

On summer weekdays last year, youths from all over Rockville gathered at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center daily for the first annual "Just Chillin," a series of drop-in organized games and activities for children ages 8 to 18.

"Just Chillin" returns this summer with a slate of new activities along with old favorites.

From now until Aug. 25, Rockville residents can take their children to the Twinbrook facility Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. for weeks of summer fun they will not forget. All sessions of "Just Chillin" are free, but a TCRC membership is required.

"Just Chillin' was created as a way for children to channel their energy positively — Martha Coester, Supervisor of Rockville's

Each day is different at "Just Chillin," with activities ranging from basketball and dodgeball tournaments to talent shows

**Twinbrook Recreation Center** 

and arts and crafts. This year, the Twinbrook staff introduced new diversions such as scavenger hunts and kickball tournaments. A weekly schedule of activities is posted at the center.

"'Just Chillin' was created as a way for children to channel their energy positively," said Martha Coester, TCRC supervisor. "Kids always need to be busy, but in the summer, they do not have many structured activities to do."

More information about TCRC, including membership guidelines, is available at www. rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook.

– by Kin Lai

#### Three Rockville Seniors Go Beyond the Call of Duty

Murray Stein, 79, may have retired 25 years ago, but he has remained extremely committed to serving his community, working with art students and senior citizens. Frances Loveless, 78, and Homa Mahvi, 76, both residents of Rockville's Town Center Apartments, have spent countless hours volunteering at the Rockville Senior Center, helping with everything from bingo to knitting.

For extensive volunteer service and dedication to helping the community, Stein was awarded the Distinguished Seniors Award for 2006 by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. Loveless and Mahvi were presented the President's Volunteer Service Award by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Stein's passion for art has enriched the lives of others. He began his art career by making



Left to right: Frances Loveless, Murray Stein and Homa Mahvi.

replicas of furniture and doing sophisticated woodwork at the Rockville Senior Center in 1989. Stein then helped found the Senior Artists Alliance, which allows seniors nationally to get involved with art.

In 2003, Stein started one of his most rewarding projects working with third, fourth and fifth graders in a program that gave students the opportunity to build their self esteems through art.

"Each child felt like an artist

because of this program, and by making cards for the veterans, they got the chance to do something for others," said Stein.

Loveless and Mahvi's work at the Senior Center has gone above and beyond most other volunteers. In the past year, Loveless has put in 1,061 hours of service and Mahvi has put in 504 hours of service. Mahvi spends much of her volunteer time knitting for the Helping Hands Knitting Group while Loveless works in the thrift shop as a cashier, volunteers with the bingo program and helps out with the lunch program.

Setting Loveless and Mahvi further apart from other volunteers is their dedication to service regardless of their own health and mobility issues.

"They look past their own health problems in order to help others," said friend Lenwood Brown. "There is the old saying, 'Give until it hurts,' but these two ladies continue to give even when they are hurting. They are truly dedicated to helping others." RR

– by Dana Kinker

## City to SHA: Try Again on First Street/Veirs Mill

Rockville's Mayor and Council has asked Maryland's State Highway Administration to seek additional alternatives to SHA's proposals for improvements that would improve traffic flow at the busy intersection of First Street and Veirs Mill Road.

The 2002 City Master Plan and Montgomery County's list of 2005 transportation priorities advocated improvements for the intersection.

The SHA has narrowed its list of alternatives to three, including a grade-separated option (with Veirs Mill elevated over First Street) that would take 18 residential properties and affect numerous others. The estimated cost would be \$77-85 million.

The second alternative consists of at-grade improvements including taking two residential properties (estimated cost: \$18-25 million). There also is a no-build option.

"At this time, the City of Rockville is not prepared to support any of the three alternatives," Rockville Councilmember Susan Hoffmann told the SHA at a July 19 public hearing at Rockville High School. "The City of Rockville requests that the Maryland State Highway Administration re-evaluate this project."

The majority of speakers on July 19 opposed the current proposed alternatives and asked that no improvements be made.

Maryland State Senator Jennie

Forehand and Delegates Kumar Barve and Luiz Simmons also voiced their support of the City's position

The Mayor and Council are concerned with current proposals because they do not take into effect other nearby busy intersections. They want to make sure that a major change at First and Veirs does not simply result in traffic being slowed one intersection later.

The SHA will keep the record on the proposal open through Aug. 18. Anyone desiring to express an opinion can write to: The Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration/Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering/ Attn: Carmeletta Harris, Project Manager/Mail Stop C-301/Box 717/Baltimore, MD 21203-0717.



The City of Rockville is transforming its Zoning Code. The code is the document that guides development in the City.

By updating the code, the City hopes to:

- Meet the current needs of Rockville's development
  - Ensure minimal impact on existing residences
    - Make the regulations more user friendly

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning.

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#### n Brief

#### Talk It Out to Work it Out

Have you experienced a conflict within Rockville with a current or former neighbor, employer, employee, HOA, landlord, tenant, business owner, customer, organization or friend? Have you experienced discrimination at work or a public place?

Anyone in Rockville seeking a mutually beneficial resolution to a dispute without having to go to court has an alternative.

The Rockville Human Rights Commission sponsors a free and confidential Community Mediation Program that can help resolve many types of conflicts.

CALL **240-314-8316** FOR INFO

#### Convérselo para solucionarlo

¿Alguna vez ha experimentado un conflicto en el ámbito de Rockville con un vecino actual o anterior, un empleador, un empleado, la Asociación de Propietarios de Viviendas (HOA), un arrendador, un arrendatario, el dueño de una empresa, un cliente, una organización o un amigo? ¿Alguna vez se ha sentido discriminado en el trabajo o en un lugar público? ¿Está buscando una solución mutuamente beneficiosa de una controversia, sin tener que ir recurrir a la justicia? La Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Rockville patrocina un Programa Comunitario de Mediación, gratuito y confidencial, que puede ayudarlo a resolver muchos tipos de conflictos. Para más información, llame al 240-314-8316.

> - Translated by Victoria Imas-Duchovny

#### Kids, Parks, Performing Arts Shows

Rockville will continue the free, family friendly 2006 "Kids, Parks, Performing Arts" series' line-up of local and regional entertainers in August. All performances are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Paul Hadfield, known as "The Funny Guy," will perform his bag of comedic tricks at King Farm Park (Watkins Boulevard at Grand Champion Way) on Aug.1. "The Renaissance Man" will present a hysterical historical journey through a day in an average person's life in Medieval and Renaissance England at Twinbrook Park (12920 Twinbrook Parkway) on Aug. 8. On Aug. 15, magician Michael Chamberlin will fascinate audiences at Montrose Park (415 Congressional Lane).

Each performance is planned for the outdoors. However, due to inclement weather, the location may change to Glenview

July-Dec. Listing of

Rockville Events

A free brochure with

details on major Rockville

events is now available at

ing area businesses.

City facilities and participat-

The Rockville 2006 July-

Calendar features information

December Bi-annual Events

on the dozens of events of-

contains a list of important

City phone numbers. To re-

the City Public Information

office at 240-314-8116 or e-

mail jstrohm@rockvillemd.

CALL **240-314-8116** FOR INFO

gov.

ceive a free copy by mail, call

fered each month in the City.

In addition, the brochure

Now Available



'Funny Guy' Paul Hadfield will entertain people of all ages with his unique humor at the Aug. 1 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts show.

Mansion. Call 240-314-8682 after 6:30 p.m. on the day of the show to confirm the show's location and obtain directions.

Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable outdoor seating.

CALL **240-314-8682** FOR INFO

#### Childcare Positions Available

The City of Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks is now accepting applications for employees to staff the City's before and after-school programs.

Employee positions begin Aug. 28 and have the option to work all or part-time Monday through Friday, 7:15 -9:15 a.m. or 2:30-6:30 p.m. Compensation is based on experience and

To apply, complete a City employment application available from the Department of Personnel at Rockville City Hall or at www.rockvillemd. gov/employment.

CALL **240-314-8637** FOR INFO

#### You've Got Rockville (Sports) E-Mail

Participants and supporters of all Rockville athletic teams can now sign up to receive an e-mail if a game has been cancelled due to weather conditions or other

"Subscribers will be alerted instantly by e-mail when a decision has been made to cancel a game or other team sports updates," said Chuck Miller, a Rockville sports program supervisor. "We generally try to make our cancellation decisions by 3 p.m. on weekdays and by 7:30 a.m. on weekends."

To subscribe to the Rockville Sports listserv, send an e-mail to: join-rockvillesports@rocknet.org.

The body and subject of the emails should be blank. After sending the first subscription e-mail, reply to the response e-mail to confirm participation.

CALL **240-314-8620** FOR INFO

#### RMSC Strokes to National Ranking

The Rockville Montgomery Swim Club, which earlier in July moved up to No. 2 nationally in the computer rankings of USA Swimming, was the overwhelming winner at the Potomac Valley Championships July 20-23 at George Mason University.

Rockville-Montgomery won the Potomac Valley meet over 20 other teams.

Top performers in the Potomac Valley meet for Rockville-Montgomery included Cara Chuang (girls age 13-14 most points); Zach Wepasnick (boys 13-14 most points); Matthew Gibson (boys 11-12 most points); and Michael Thomas and Hugo Menguy (boys 10-under most points and runnerup, respectively).

CALL **240-314-8750** FOR INFO



STEAMY RUNNING... A hot summer night did not stop Wilson Komen who is from Kenya and now lives in Washington, D.C., from winning the third straight male open division title at the 21st Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest on Saturday, July 15. Tatyana Chulakh, who is from Russia and now lives in Gaithersburg, took the female open division in Rockville Town Square. About 2,000 runners completed the 8-kilometer course through many Rockville neighborhoods. Frequent water stations, sprinklers and neighbors with hoses helped cool the runners and the hundreds of youth who participated in the one-kilometer fun run just after the start of the main event.

#### **CITY**

National Night Out More than 50 Rockville neighborhoods hold block parties to encourage crime and drug prevention. 6-10 p.m. Neighborhoods throughout Rockville. 240-314-8922.

, 9, 16, 23, 30 out To Lunch Wednesdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue. 240-314-5022.

5,12,19,26 Growers Only Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Route 28 and Monroe Street. 240-314-5022.

18 6th Annual Back to School Jam Free backpacks, school supplies and other information are distributed to students for the upcoming school year. 6-9 p.m. Lincoln Park Community Center. 240-314-8780.

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

Kids Parks Performing Arts: "The Funny Guy" Paul Hadfield 7:30 p.m. King Farm Park 240-314-

#### calendar of events august

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

Rockville Concert Band: Patio Performances The Rockville Concert Band offers an outdoor summer concert series on the patio behind F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 7 p.m. 240-314-8681

5&6 Rockville Civic Ballet: "Swan Lake" 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5; 2 p.m. Aug. 6. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$12 adults/\$8 children (12 and under) and seniors (60 and older).

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: Unity Reggae Band Reggae music celebrates the opening of this month's art exhibition. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8682.

6-29 Glenview Mansion Art **Gallery: Washington Printmakers** Gallery, Washington D.C.; Eun Ju Lee-jewelry and metal work Opening reception: Aug. 6, 1-4 p.m. Artist talk: Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m. Guided tour: Aug. 11, 10 a.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8660.

Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: "The Renaissance Man"—History via Comedy 7:30 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 240-314-8682.

15 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Magician Michael Chamberlin 7:30 p.m. Montrose Park. 240-314-

#### **NATURE**

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd. gov or call 240-314-8770.

Geocaching 101 Learn how to be a treasure hunter at the John G. Hayes Forest Preserve that surrounds Croydon Creek Nature Center. Bring a GPS if you own one. 10-11 a.m. Ages 10-over. \$10 RES/\$12 NR.

#### **SENIORS**

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

2-9 Digital Photo Intermediates 1-3 p.m. \$35 RES/\$43 NR.

August Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. FREE.

3, 10 Quilting 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$18 MEM/\$22 NM.

Comparison of Bethesda with Chevy Chase 10:30 a.m. FREE.

Crab Feast and Fisherman's Trip 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$66 MEM/\$83 NM.

**Computers - Clarify Concepts** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$6 RES/\$8 NR.

14,29,31 Computers
- Beginners Introduction 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 14; 10:30 a.m.-12 noon Aug. 29 and 31. \$5 RES/\$7 NR.

5 Computers - Save and find documents 1-3 p.m. \$6 RES/\$8 NR.

O Don't Stub Your Toes On Your Memories 10:15 a.m. FREE. Register by Aug. 9.

Classical Music Appreciation: Romance of the Violin 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Register by Aug. 9.

/ Computers - Fonts 1-3 p.m.

Is it Forgetfulness or Dementia? 1-2 p.m. FREE.

31 "Beauty and the Beast" - Wolf Trap Park Trip 6-11:30 p.m. \$74 MEM/\$92 NM.

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

Commission on the Environment, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

Ocultural Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Rockville Bike Advisory, 7:15 p.m. 15 Rockville Seniors, Inc.,

1 p.m., Senior Center. 15 Town Center Action Team,

7 p.m., Room 105, Red Brick Court-Sign Review Board, 4 p.m.

(held as needed)

Rockville Housing Enterprises, 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Park Community Center.

Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)

/ Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Commission. 10 a.m., Senior Center.

22 Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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Councilmembers Phyllis Marcuccio (left), Bob Dorsey (center) and Anne Robbins (second from right) congratulate RockNet board members (left to right) Jonathan Walker, Bob Ekman, Roald Schrack, Art Cassanova and Stan Klein on the 10th anniversary of the organization.

— Bob Ekman,

**RockNet President** 

#### **RockNet Celebrates** 10th Anniversary

Celebrating 10 years of promoting communication among Rockville citizens, community groups, businesses and the City government, the Rockville Community Network (RockNet), led by Bob Ekman, received a Certificate of Recognition from the Mayor and Council on July 24.

RockNet aims to build an

Internet community that <sup>66</sup>In 1996... we decided provides a presence for technology was the key Rockville orto bringing exposure to ganizations under-repreour communities. sented on the Web. The volunteer group supports a

Web site, page links and several e-mail lists that keep citizens informed in the City. In addition, RockNet offers Web page construction assistance and Web space for hosting a site to community groups.

"In 1996, we were exploring ways to improve communications between the citizens and the City," said Ekman. "We thought the Internet was going to be a pretty big thing soon enough and decided technology was the key to bringing exposure to our communities."

For the past decade, RockNet volunteers have initiated several products to better connect area residents through the Internet. Last year, RockNet helped launch a free wireless Internet hotspot at Regal Row in Rockville Town Center. RockNet also mounted a Web camera atop the Victoria Condominiums, providing Internet users

a constant view of the construction progress at the new Rockville Town Square development.

The City and RockNet share a unique relationship.

The City provides the servers, software and Internet connection for Rocknet's services, as well as venues for meetings and system administration.

RockNet meets in City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month and seeks volunteers with an interest in community outreach, computers, graphic design, page development and programming. For more information, come to a meeting or contact Ekman at bob.ekman@att.net.

– by Kin Lai

#### Rockville Pike Plan Notices Available Electronically

The City of Rockville's Department of Community Planning and Development Services (CPDS) is creating an email list of citizens and other stakeholders who wish to receive regular electronic notices on the progress of updating the City's Rockville Pike Corridor Neighborhood Plan.

Anyone may begin receiving direct e-mail updates about the Rockville Pike Plan by logging-onto www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillepikeplan and completing the reg-

The Rockville Pike Plan, which was last updated in 1989, guides development in the area along the Rockville Pike south of Town Center, including the Twinbrook Metro station vicinity. The plan is being updated to address urban design, transportation and land use issues in the corridor.

The Long Range Planning Division of CPDS already has conducted several meetings with key constituents to discuss community concerns and future expectations for Rockville Pike. Those offering input include civic associations, the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) and business and property owners along the corridor. Meetings also have been held with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Maryland State Highway Administration

As the planning process progresses, the public will have many further opportunities to participate through meetings and forums.

For more information, call Mayra Bayonet, a Rockville planner and project manager, at 240-314-8200. RR

#### **Artistic Talents** Wanted

The City of Rockville is conducting its own "star search" to encourage people to apply to perform or have their artwork displayed in the City from November through February.

Applications for "Hidden Rockville" are being accepted now until Aug. 31.

Artists of all kinds may apply—whether their art is visual, literary or performing.

A panel from the Rockville Cultural Arts Commission and the City's Department of Recreation and Parks will select the artists or artwork, as well as determine the appropriate venue for the performance or exhibition.

Application forms are available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/hiddenrockville. pdf, at all City facilities and at the Rockville Library. Forms should be returned with any supporting materials such as artist biographies, videos, CD's and photographs to "Hidden Rockville," Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, Md. 20850.

Preference will be given to those in Rockville, but all area artists may apply.

For more information, call 240-314-8681. RR

— by Kin Lai

#### Volunteers For Fall Library 'Book Brigade'

The Rockville Library is organizing a book brigade of hundreds of community members of all ages to pass books from the current library on the corner of Maryland Avenue and Route 28 to the new building in the Town Square development.

Following the book brigade, participants will be invited to a ceremony marking Montgomery County's acceptance of the new building.

The event will be held on a Saturday morning in the fall. Those who register in advance will be notified of the exact date.

For more information, call 240-777-0141. To register to participate, call 240-777-0164 and leave a name, phone number and number of individuals interested. RR







#### Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for Auaust is:

Monday, Aug. 7: Bob Dorsey

#### Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" porition at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

Aug. 7 (Mon.) Citizens' Forum

#### Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Board of Appeals (one)
- **Cultural Arts Commission (one)**
- **Human Services Advisory Com**mission (two)
- **Human Rights Commission (two)**
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rec. and Parks Advisory (youth) **Rockville Housing Enterprises**
- Rockville Scholarship Found. (one)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (two) Sign Review Board (one) For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.



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THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL AUGUST PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE **>--- CLIP & SAVE---**TRC **MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY SATURDAY THURSDAY** 12 Midnight until meeting ends Historic District Commission -Mayor & Council -Historic District Commission -Mayor & Council -Planning Commission -Mayor & Council -Planning Commission -City Hall Report City Hall Report Into the Blue: RCPD Air Quality Codes Into the Blue: RCPD Air Quality Codes Into the Blue: RCPD Air Quality Codes Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review 7:30 a.m Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review 8 a.m. City Hall Report 8:30 a.m. Historic District Commission -Cityline Cityline Cityline Mayor & Council -Paving & Concrete Paving & Concrete Paving & Concre 9:30 a.m. An Informed Citizenry An Informed Citizenry An Informed Citizenry 10 a.m. Air Quality Codes Air Quality Codes Air Quality Codes 10:30 a.m. Responsible & Responsive Paving & Concrete Maintenance Responsible & Responsive Paving & Concrete Maintenance | Responsible & Responsive Turning the Corner on Town Center Into the Blue: RCPD 11 a.m. Into the Blue: RCPD **Turning Corner on Town Center** Into the Blue: RCPD Cityline 11:30 a.m. Mayor & Council Review City Hall Report 12:30 p.m. Cityline Cityline Cityline Cityline Cityline Mayor & Council • Mayor & Council • 1 p. m. until meeting ends Mayor & Council 🕶 Historic District Commission Planning Commission -4 p.m. Rockville U: Public Safety Rockville U: Public Safety Rockville U: Public Safety Rockville U: Public Safety Caregivers: Single Adult Homele: 5 p.m. Caregivers: Single Adult Home Caregivers: Single Adult Home Caregivers: Single Adult Hom Caregivers: Single Adult Homeles Caregivers: Single Adult Home Caregivers: Single Adult Homeles Air Quality Codes 5:30 p.m. Air Quality Codes City Hall Report 6 p.m. Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review 6:30 p.m. Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Mayor & Council Review Paving & Concrete Maintena Planning Commission Mayor & Council -Paving & Concrete Mainte Planning Commission Paving & Concrete Mainter Mayor & Council -7:30 p.m. HealthWise HealthWise HealthWise Rockville U: Public Safety -8 p.m. An Informed Citizenry Rockville U: Historic District Public Safety Comm. (HDC) 8:30 p.m. Into the Blue: RCPD 9 p.m. Exploring Rockville's Past Cityline 9:30 p.m. Cityline Cityline City Hall Report City Hall Report City Hall Report 10 p.m. City Hall Report City Hall Report City Hall Report City Hall Report Mayor & Council Review 10:30 p.m. Mayor & Council Review 11 p.m. Into the Blue: RCPD Responsible & Responsiv Into the Blue: RCPD Responsible & Responsiv Into the Blue: BCPD Responsible & Responsi Into the Blue: BCPD Into the Blue: RCPD Responsible & Responsive Responsible & Responsive 11:30 p.m. Responsible & Responsive Into the Blue: RCPD Responsible & Responsive Into the Blue: RCPD

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